

Department of Human Services
Dependent Adult Abuse Statistical Report
For Division DHS
Through Periods 7/1/2011 -- 12/31/2011

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Dependent Adult Abuse Program

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Dependent Adult Abuse Statistical Report
The numbers reported in this report represent:

- Number of reports of suspected abuse the Department receives according to type of abuse defined in Iowa Code 235B
- Number of reports of abuse accepted or rejected for evaluation or assessment
- Whether the person who reported the abuse was required to report
- Of those who were required to report the abuse, how many of each profession made reports
- How many reports found the abuse occurred, did not occur or it occurred, but because the abuse was minor, isolated and not likely to reoccur was not placed on the central abuse registry
- The number of reports founded, unfounded or confirmed, not registered of each type of abuse
- How many dependent adults received which type of service after the report was completed
- The number of persons responsible for the abuse held responsible legally or received services after the report was completed

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Reports of Abuse Accepted and Rejected for Evaluation or Assessment					
Type of Abuse	Total Reported	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
Physical	392	187	205	47.70 %	52.30 %
Sexual	72	30	42	41.67 %	58.33 %
Exploitation	657	212	443	32.27 %	67.43 %
Denial of Care - Caretaker	1316	564	748	42.86 %	56.84 %
Denial of Care - Adult	849	362	486	42.64 %	57.24 %
Total Allegations	3286	1355	1924	41.24 %	58.55 %

Column Name Definition

Type of Abuse Iowa Code 235B defines what abuse is. The types of abuse recognized in the Code are: Physical, sexual, exploitation, denial of critical care when there is a caretaker and denial of critical of care when the dependent adult is responsible.

Total Reported The total reports made to the Department.

Total Accepted The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect accepted for a social worker to evaluate or assess circumstances surrounding the allegation of abuse to determine if the dependent adult was in fact abused or neglected.

Total Rejected The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect rejected due to the allegation not fitting the definitions of abuse found in Iowa Code 235B, or there was not a caretaker or the adult was not dependent.

% Accepted The percentage of the total number of reports accepted for evaluation or assessment for each category of abuse.

% Rejected The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect rejected due to the allegation not meeting the definitions of abuse found in Iowa Code 235B, or there was not a caretaker or the adult was not dependent.

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Types of Reporters					
Type of Reporter	Total Reported	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
Mandatory	1836	835	993	45.48 %	54.08 %
Permissive	989	351	638	35.49 %	64.51 %
Mandatory Reporting Permissively	31	14	17	45.16 %	54.84 %
Total Reporters	2856	1200	1648	42.02 %	57.70 %

Column Name Definition

Types of Reporter Anyone may report suspected abuse or neglect, however, IA Code 235B mandates professionals who work with dependent adults to report suspected abuse. These reporters are called 'mandatory reporters'. All other reporters are called 'permissive reporters'. A 'Mandatory Reporter Reporting Permissively' is a person who is mandatory reporter due to their employment, but they are reporting suspected abuse that occurred outside of their employment.

Total Reported The total reports of suspected abuse made to the Department.

Total Accepted The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect accepted for a social worker to go and evaluate or assess to determine if the dependent adult was in fact abused or neglected.

Total Rejected The number of reports of alleged abuse or neglect rejected due to the allegation not fitting the definitions of abuse found in Iowa Code 235B, or there was not a caretaker or the adult was not dependent.

% Accepted The percentage of the total number of reports accepted for evaluation or assessment for each category of abuse.

% Rejected The percentage of the total reports rejected due to there not being an allegation of abuse, the person responsible for abuse is not a caretaker, or the adult was not dependent.

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Types of Mandatory Reporters					
Type	Total Reported	Total Accepted	Total Rejected	% Accepted	% Rejected
Social Work	267	134	131	50.19 %	49.06 %
Financial Institute	13	7	6	53.85 %	46.15 %
Health Care	264	120	144	45.45 %	54.55 %
Law Enforcement	48	25	23	52.08 %	47.92 %
Mental Health	12	11	1	91.67 %	8.33 %
Totals Mandatory Reporters	604	297	305	49.17 %	50.50 %

Column Name Definition

Types of Mandatory Reporter The types of professionals who are required by Code to report suspected abuse fall into the following general categories: social work, financial institutions, health care, law enforcement and mental health.

Total Reported The total number of reports of suspected abuse received from each identified professionals.

Total Accepted Total number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals that were accepted for evaluation or assessment.

Total Rejected Total number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals that were rejected for evaluation or assessment due to not being a Code defined allegation of abuse, of the persons responsible for the abuse was not a caretaker, or the adult was not dependent.

% Accepted Percentage of number of reports of suspected abuse made by identified professionals accepted for evaluation or assessment.

% Rejected Percentage of number of reports of abuse made by identified professionals rejected for evaluation or assessment.

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Outcomes of Reports Accepted for Evaluation or Assessment						
Type of Abuse	Founded		Unfounded		Confirmed, Not Registered	
	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage
Physical	6	3.6%	150	89.8%	11	6.6%
Sexual	8	28.6%	20	71.4%		0.0%
Exploitation	58	26.7%	159	73.3%		0.0%
Denial of Care - Caretaker	50	10.4%	408	85.2%	21	4.4%
Denial of Care - Adult	121	33.5%	240	66.5%		0.0%
Total	243		977		32	

Column Name Definition

Outcomes of Reports Accepted for Evaluation or Assessment The types of professionals who are required by Code to report suspected abuse fall into the following general categories: social work, financial institutions, health care, law enforcement and mental health.

Founded Total The total number of reports of abuse evaluated or assessed that were found to have occurred in each category

Founded Percentage Percentage of the total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have occurred.

Unfounded Total Total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have not occurred.

Unfounded Percentage Percentage of total number of reports evaluated or assessed for this category of abuse that were determined to have not occurred.

Confirmed, Not Registered Total Total number of reports of abuse evaluated or assessed in this category of abuse that were determined to have occurred, but were not placed on the Registry.

Confirmed, Not Registered Percentage Percentage of total number of reports of abuse evaluated or assessed in this category of abuse founded, but were not registered in this category.

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Outcomes - Dependent Adult		
Outcomes DA Evaluation	Total Interventions	Total Assessments w/o Interventions
Gaurdian - Conservator	28	1258
Protective Order	16	1270
Removed from living arrangement	37	1249
Referred for services	95	1191
No services needed	294	992

Column Name Definition

Outcomes – Dependent Adult After the evaluation or assessment report is completed the outcomes for the adult tell how many times DHS intervened in the dependent adult's beyond just determining if the suspected abuse occurred.

The outcomes for the dependent adult provide the number of times:

- A guardian was appointed for the dependent adult;
- A local judge court-ordered the dependent adult to receive protective services or be removed from their current living arrangements;
- The dependent adult was referred to receive services; and
- The dependent adult was determined to not be in need of services.

Total Interventions Number of times the specific interventions for the dependent adult occurred

Total Assessment w/o Interventions Total number of times specified interventions did not occur.

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Outcomes - Person Responsible for Abuse		
Outcomes PRA Evaluation	Total Interventions	Total Assessments w/o Interventions
Referred to law enforcement	38	1248
Court order requested to prevent further abuse	12	1274
Charged with crime	13	1273
Sentenced	0	1286
Offender program	0	1286
Service provided	40	1246
No services provided	319	967

Column Name Definition

Outcomes – Person Responsible for Abuse After the evaluation or assessment report is completed the outcomes for the person responsible for the abuse tell how many times DHS intervened in the person responsible for abuse other than the person's name going on the registry if it was found the abuse occurred.

The outcomes for the person responsible for the abuse provide the number of times the person was

- Referred to law enforcement;
- Affected by something a local judge court-ordered to stop or prevent further abuse;
- Charged with a crime;
- Sentenced for a crime;
- Court-ordered to attend an offender program in exchange for not being charged with a crime;
- Provided with services; and
- Not provided services?

Total Interventions Number of times the specified intervention for the person responsible for abuse occurred.

Total Assessment w/o Interventions Total number of times the specified intervention for the person responsible for the abuse did not occur.